

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 17, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Teike with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
 - C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers and August Tindell were present .
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting – Ann DeVore moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of July 2, 2007. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Armstrong introduced two guests in the audience who are members of the Young Professionals of Columbus.

Mayor Armstrong introduced the Wildcats baseball team who had just returned from Connersville, Indiana having won the State championship for twelve (12) year olds. Mayor Armstrong presented them with a check to help cover expenses as they participate in the National tournament. The coaches of the Wildcats spoke and introduced each player.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.28, 2007, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BETWEEN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA. AND THE IRWIN-SWEENEY-MILLER FOUNDATION." Ed Curtin, Redevelopment Director, gave a brief overview of the intent of this Resolution. He showed the maps of the Commons Mall and physically showed on the maps how the property lines would be changed. He informed the Council this would make things easier as decisions are made regarding the Commons. He assured the Council the property exchange would be basically an equal swap. He stated the Commons Board voted in favor of these new property lines. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I-2” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO “B-5” (GENERAL BUSINESS).” (Perr Investments) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He explained this Ordinance involves rezoning an area approximately .55 acres that is located at 1142 Jackson Street and 1214-1216 Jackson Street. At the July 5, 2007 meeting, the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed this application and forwarded to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed. No one from the public spoke at the meeting. Jeff showed the Google map, site location, site photos, current zoning map and other power point slides. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “SU-1.” (Northview Assembly of God Rezone) Jeff Bergman, presented the Ordinance. Jeff indicated the Northview Assembly of God was requesting rezoning from Agriculture to SU-1 (Special Use – Church). This property is approximately 5 acres and is located generally south of County Road 500 North and west of County Road 250 West. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow an expansion of an existing church facility. Mr. Bergman indicated the Plan Commission had met on July 5, 2007. They reviewed the application and was forwarding it to Council with a favor recommendation. One member of the public did speak at the Plan Commission. Jeff showed the site location, current zoning map, comprehensive plan, future land use map, and site photo. Mr. Don Streidlmeier, spoke regarding his concerns for drainage system repair and asked for consideration. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.20, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2006 ENTITLED “THE 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He indicated he was requesting the Salary Ordinance of 2006 be amended primarily to improve the options for retention and attraction of professional staff members by broadening opportunities to reward longevity, educational attainment and experience. He informed the Council there would be no additional funds required with this amendment. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on first reading. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Jeff Bergman reminded the Council that there would be another public meeting on July 31, 2007 regarding the zoning issues.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting is changed to **Monday**, August 6, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer